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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 9524

FROM USDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UN, WA

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH WALDHEIM: NAMIBIA

REF: STATE 198634

1. AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MCHENRY MET WITH SYG WALDHEIM AFTER  
OPENING SESSION AUGUST 22 OF LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE. ON  
NAMIBIA, WALDHEIM INFORMED YOUNG AND MCHENRY THAT HE HAD MET  
EARLIER IN THE MORNING WITH NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE OBAANJO,  
SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJONA, ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA  
AND COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA PRESIDENT KONIE OF ZAMBIA. ALL FOUR HAD  
GIVEN WALDHEIM THE GREEN LIGHT TO GO AHEAD WITH CONTINGENCY  
PLANNING FOR NAMIBIA. WALDHEIM HAS ACCORDINGLY INSTRUCTED USYG  
URGEHART, LANSKEY (PEACEKEEPING AFFAIRS), GENSCHER (UNDER  
SECRETARY TONG'S OFFICE, AND COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AHTISAARI  
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TO BEGIN SUCH CONTINGENCY PLANNING. COMMENT: AHTISAARI INFORMED  
MCHENRY IN SEPRATE CONVERSATION THAT HIS OFFICE IS ALREADY WELL  
ADVANCED IN CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

2. WALDHEIM POINTED OUT TWO PROBLEMS WHICH HE SAID HAD TO BE  
RESOLVED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A SETTLEMENT.

A) WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS;

B) THE POWERS VESTED IN THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NAMIBIA. ON THE FIRST POINT WALDHEIM SAID KAUNDA SUGGESTED THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF NAMIBIA (TIME PERIOD NOT SPECIFIED) SWAPO WOULD AGREE TO THE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN NAMIBIA PROVIDED SWAPO FORCES WERE ALSO PERMITTED INTO THE TERRITORY. ON THE SECOND POINT WALDHEIM SAID PRESIDENT KAUNDA WANTS THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NAMIBIA TO HAVE AN APPROVAL POWER OVER ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL. YOUNG AND MCHENRY POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE RESPECTING THE AFRICAN VIEWS, THESE PARTICULAR POINTS WERE LIKELY TO BE NON-STARTERS. THEY DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POLITICAL REALITIES AND MORE REALISTIC PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE TO BE DEvised TO PERMIT THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT AND STILL SAVE FACE.  
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